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In re Application of: Kenneth C. Gardeski et al.
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005, please enter the following Amendment.

Reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.